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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is in response to the final action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 10, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response. If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate, or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 7 of this paper.